



Mount Vernon Advisor BoS BRIEF

May 16, 2018

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The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors May 15, 2018 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the [County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#). You may listen to highlights from the Board meeting on your computer or listen directly on iTunes. Subscribe to the podcast, or choose a program and listen in.

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR STORCK

At this week's Board of Supervisors meeting, we recognized **outstanding citizens** in the County. The **Lord and Lady Fairfax Awards Program** honors two volunteer leaders annually from each Magisterial District. The 2018 Mount Vernon District Lord and Lady Fairfax honorees **Mr. Barney Barnwell and Ms. Catherine Ledec**, who are both **exemplary representatives** of the Mount Vernon District.

Lord Barney Barnwell

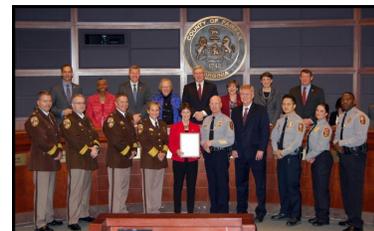
Marion Barney Barnwell is a **longtime resident and community activist** in the Mount Vernon District. He volunteers at INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital in the Joint Replacement Division, where he has also served as **Past President of the Auxiliary Board** and as **Parliamentarian**. For over thirty years, Barney has volunteered with **Rebuilding Together**, formally Christmas in April; and at **Fort Belvoir's Main Chapel**, as a Sunday school teacher and usher. He has volunteered with the **Capital Area Food Bank** for over twenty years, and with **New Hope Housing**, where he has served as a Board Member, Treasurer and Trustee. Barney has served on the **Fairfax County Human Services Council** since 2003. Barney has also been a member of **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity** for over sixty years, and was the Third District Representative (VA and DC Area) for four years. Wherever Barney volunteers, he puts people at ease with his **familiar smile and kind face**. His passion for helping others is unequivocal and inspiring.

Lady Catherine Ledec

Catherine Ledec has served as the **Mount Vernon District Tree Commissioner** since 2016. She is a strong **community activist**, with a **focus on environmentalism**. She is currently President of the Friends of Huntley Meadow Park and has been recognized for her volunteerism with the Park Authority. In 2015, she received the **Virginia Recreation and Parks Society's Distinguished Volunteer Service Award**. She is also active with the **Mount Vernon Citizens' Associations**, **Delegate Krizek's Environmental Roundtable**, and **American Association for the Advancement of Science and Pavilions** at Huntington Metro Community Association. Most recently, Cathy led an effort to plan, design, fund and install a **Natural Landscaping project at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center**. Cathy's passion as a **champion for the environment** is contagious and she has an unmatched ability to transform a bland terrain into a beautiful landscape.

Top 3 Things You Need to Know from the BOS Meeting:

1. Board approved a zoning ordinance amendment to **provide residents with increased flexibility** in the use of their rear yards.
2. Board designated May 15, 2018, as **Peace Officers Memorial Day** and May 13 - 19, 2018, as **Police Week** in Fairfax County.
3. Supervisor McKay and I jointly moved an important Board Matter to initiate a project evaluation for the **use of the Economic Development Support Fund** for the creation of a **Richmond Highway Corridor Marketing and Branding Strategy**.



The Board also designated:



May 2018 as Building Safety Month



May 14 - 18, 2018 as Continuity Awareness Week



May 14 - 20, 2018 as Salvation Army Week



May 20 - 26, 2018 as Public Works Week

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

To view the May 1, 2018 Board Package [click here](#).

Admin 2: Board approved the advertisement of a **Public Hearing** to lease a county-owned property to **A Child's Place** for the **continuation of child care services at Hollin Hall** located at 1500 Shenandoah Road. *The full item can be read on pages 39 - 62 of the Board Package.*

Admin 3: Board **extended the review period** for the 2232 application process to February 1, 2019 for the **new Woodlawn Fire Station**. *The full item can be read on pages 63 - 64 of the Board Package.*

BOARD MATTERS

Joint Board Matter with Supervisor Jeff McKay: Economic Development Support Fund Nomination for Richmond Highway Corridor Marketing and Branding Plan

On March 20, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved the Embark comprehensive plan amendment that **re-envision the Richmond Highway corridor**, providing opportunities for economic success that **builds communities and improves our quality of life**. With this approved concept, on April 30, Supervisor McKay and I launched a **Strategic Economic Development Team** to bring together key organizations to drive **economic development** to the Richmond Highway corridor.

Over the next several months, the Team will work together toward a common goal – the **successful implementation of Embark**. We will work closely together to maximize the team's varied expertise to expand existing and drive **new quality business and housing investment** to the Richmond Highway corridor, while **enhancing and preserving the traditional communities** that surround the corridor.

A fundamental next step is creating a Richmond Highway Corridor **marketing and branding plan** that attracts businesses and jobs to the area, **showcasing the many assets of the region**, and maximizing the expertise among the Strategic Economic Development Team.

Actions

- Directed the County Executive to prepare an initial project evaluation for the **use of the Economic Development Support Fund** for the creation of a **Richmond Highway Corridor Marketing and Branding Strategy**, as envisioned by the Strategic Economic Development Team.
- Directed the County Executive that no funds from the EDSF will be used until the Board has

approved the fund.

[Click here](#) to read the full Board Matter.

PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT IMPACT THE MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Minimum Required Rear Yard Coverage Limitations for Single-Family Detached Dwellings

The Board approved a zoning ordinance amendment to **provide residents with increased flexibility** in the use of their rear yards. It also would **clarify interpretations** regarding the calculation of the minimum required rear yard and make an editorial amendment regarding size limitations on **children's playhouses**. *The full item can be read on pages 142 - 179 of the Board Package.*

Proposed Plan Amendment 2018-IV-MV1, Located on the East Side of Lukens Lane, South of Richmond Highway

The Board approved a Plan Amendment for **.5 acres adjacent to the Woodlawn Fire Station**. Previously zoned residential, the parcel can now be used for **public facility uses**, such as the **new Woodlawn Fire Station**. *The full item can be read on pages 204 - 207 of the Board Package.*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mount Vernon residents were appointed or reappointed to the following:

1. Douglas M. Kleine (Wetlands Board)
 2. Jonathan Kiell (Citizen Corps Council)
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